

Participant Instructions: Fort Indiantown Gap Annual Butterfly Tours

Hello and welcome to Fort Indiantown Gap's Annual Butterfly Tour.

The Wildlife Section is always excited to have the opportunity to show the public the Regal Fritillary and its habitat, as well as the numerous plant, bird, reptile, amphibian, and mammal species that we may encounter on the tour. While we do enjoy showing the public their lands, we need your cooperation to help the tours run smoothly and safely. This instruction sheet will ensure that you get the most of your stay here, and will help our in their mission of giving you the best experience possible while keeping the tours orderly and keeping you safe.

- After the initial meeting and safety brief at the Recreation Center, a caravan will drive out to our first stop on the tour. Car pooling is encouraged to keep the number of vehicles to a minimum, so if you can coordinate with a friend, please drive out together.
- A wildlife staff vehicle (green military vehicle or white SUV with a red wildlife keystone on the side) will head the caravan by pulling onto the shoulder of the road in front of the Recreation Center and waiting for the rest of the caravan to line up behind them. As vehicles line up, we will stage wildlife vehicles in the caravan periodically. There will be someone directing traffic, so please follow their directions.
- Once the caravan is lined up we will slowly drive out to the first area, approximately 1.5 miles into the training corridor. Everyone should use their turn signals.
- A staff member may direct you where to park, or you can just follow the car in front of you. Do not park or drive in the grasslands. ****If you have special parking requirements please see a staff member prior to departing for the tour.****
- Once the group is assembled, the tour leader will address the entire group and give some background information about the site. We will then begin walking down gravel trails and some mowed paths through the fields. Stay on the trails or paths.
- Please, do not wander away on your own without having a staff member with you. Please, do not walk into the fields or pick any plants. We may encounter ticks, thorns, and poison ivy; however, if you stay on the trails and do not touch the plants, your exposure to these will be minimal. Also, please do not touch any metal objects you may encounter. If you have any questions feel free to ask a staff member.
- You may leave the tour at any time, provided that you inform a Wildlife staff member. You may be asked to stay a few extra minutes until we can coordinate a staff member to safely escort you out of the area.

Thank You.